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SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Max GRAESSLI, UN Advisor to Togo Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs on Czech and Soviet Trade Agreements with Togo and Some Thoughts about Using the UN

The Embassy encloses a memorandum of a conversation between Mr. Max GRAESSLI, UN Advisor to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affirs, and Second Secretary Edward J. STREATOR, Jr. on recent negotiations between Togo officials and representatives of Czechoslovakia and the USSR on proposed bilateral trade agreements. In this connection, one is reminded of what appears to be a "lost" opportunity for the United States to use the UN in Togo as a part of our anti-Soviet Bloc "weapons system".

COMMENT:

Mr. Graessli is a member of the Swiss diplomatic service who was assigned recently to the UN to serve in a key position as advisor on foreign economic relations to the Togo Government. According to Mr. Graessli, he has served in the Swiss legations or embassies in Hungary, the United States, India and Sweden. His last post was Minister to Sweden. In this connection, the Embassy would appreciate any biographic information available to the Department on Mr. Graessli.

The role of Mr. Graessli in the development of policy regarding Togo economic affairs is likely to be important for he represents for Togo the UN "personality" as opposed to bi-lateral representation such as that hitherto given the Ministry by Mr. VON MANN who was made available by the FRG or Messrs BERTRAND and DAUREL, French advisors who have been working in the Ministry for several years. In tapping Graessli, Togo feels - as long as it is satisfied with his advice - that it has access to a more impartial source of advice and one which provides the UN cloak for Togo decisions. Admittedly, for the advisor, the role he will be called on to play is not an easy one and, indeed, a somewhat dangerous one if he is worth his salt. Nevertheless, what Togo needs is some solid advice given with a degree of diplomacy that will make it palatable to the Togolese who, by and large, are as "pure" in their ignorance of international economics as the proverbial "Babes in the Woods".

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The U.N. in Africa can be "a new frontier" if we use it. This advisor business is a case in point. If the USSR had the same chance, Jo Saxe would have been bowled over in the rush to provide the man.

Jesse M. MacKnight
Charge d'Affaires, a. i.

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In this connection, the Embassy would like to stress the importance of having an American "presence" (under UN auspices) if possible on the Prime Minister's Development Planning Staff. In Embdes 192, December 20, 1960 (Item 2, page 2) I reported that Mr. Jo SAXE was supposedly charged with finding an adviser. In a personal letter to me dated December 10, 1960, Mr. Saxe puts his finger on the Togo problem:

> "I am sorry not to have answered your letter sooner, but I have been deeply involved in trying to make some of the arrangements which your letter suggested (getting a full-time top-level economic development planning adviser for the Prime Minister). I have been discussing this with the U.N. for sometime. I had hoped that they would be able to provide me with the resources and facilities I needed to exercise a distant supervisory role and to make occasional short visits to Lome. This proposal was predicted on the strong possibility that one or more younger men would be found to serve as advisors in the Development Planning Bureau in the Prime Minister's Office. So far the UN has agreed to three visits but has not found anyone to send there. Nor have they been able to provide all the facilities that I think are needed for me to do the job properly. Sometime in the next few days I am going to write a note about all this to the Ford Foundation and see whether this might move them to take over. Frankly I am not at all certain they will. I am afraid their budget for Africa is small and they do not wish to disperse their efforts. To the extent that it is possible, I will keep in touch with Togoland by correspondence and occasional short visits and try to help in this job of coordination. This will not be very helpful unless there are some people on the ground."

ACTION REQUESTED:

Here is a job for the Department. If we are going to play "for keeps" in Africa and for Africa, we must be able to find some way of using not only the direct "taxpayer's dollars", represented by ICA expenditures, but the indirect ones as well to help develop a stable and viable new nation. We are contributing the lion's share of UN expenses for its assistance programs in Africa, but sometimes we seem to look upon that contribution as a "free will offering" which will chalk up good marks for us in the hereafter. It is only when a crisis such as the Congo hits us that we appear to realize that the UN is a mechanism which can be used to advance Free World objectives.

The irony of the situation is that the Africans are preoccupied with the "now" and, if they are not, the Soviet Bloc will make them be so in short order.

We are always being accused of manipulating the UN. In Togo, we have a chance to do so if we apply ourselves and dig up an acceptable candidate - or do so through private channels such as an American foundation. We are not having to fight our way into the position where we can be asked to take on a job. We have been asked and we seem to be shrinking from the responsibility.

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

DATE: December 23, 1960

SUBJECT: Proposed Togolese-Czech and Togolese-Soviet Bilateral Trade Agreements

PLACE: Ministry of Economic Affairs

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Max GRAESSLI, UN Advisor to Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs

Edward J. STREATOR, Jr., Second Secretary

In connection with discussions with Mr. Graessli on the U. S. - Togo bilateral agreement on economic, technical and related assistance, Mr. Streator took occasion to raise with Mr. Graessli the recent exchanges between USSR and Czechoslovakia representatives and Togo officials on proposed bilateral trade agreents between Togo and those countries.

Concerning the Togo - Czech accord, Mr. Graessli said that the four man Czech delegation had presented a draft bilateral trade agreement which he had studied and used as the basis for drafting the Togolese counter proposals, which mainly eliminated references to annual quotas for trade. The counter-proposals were cabled to Prague by the Czech delegation, which then waited three days without a response from the Czech capital. The delgation returned to Czechoslovakia, leaving by plane from Lome on December 18, 1960.

Negotiations on the Togo - USSR trade agreement were conducted last week by Soviet Ambassador Djabar RASSULOV and a special representative from Moscow, whose name Mr. Graessli did not recall. The Soviets left with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs copies of trade agreements concluded between four countries and the USSR to be used as a basis for the draft agreement. Mr. Graessli said that he would prepare the Togolese draft of the accord, and that it would be a "standard" trade agreement, couched in very general terms calling for the development of commercial exchanges. However, it was his feeling that, under present conditions, there was little likelihood that such an agreement would presage a sharp rise in Togo - USSR trade. He acknowledged that the agreement marked an opening wedge in a possible Soviet economic offensive in Togo.

Mr. Graessli concluded by saying that he was sympathetic to Western concern over the increasing Bloc activities in Togo, and that his experience in the Swiss Legation in Hungary gave him a riseful perspective on Bloc tactics and strategy that he had been sharing frankly with Togo Government officials.

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Vladimir ROURKOURINE, reportedly representing Soviet state trading concerns, arrived in Lome this week for an indefinite stay. Rourkourine has been seen conferring with Sov Emb and GOT officials at Hotel le Benin, where he is registered.

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On June 15 Acting President Paulin FREITAS gave Palace reception for Soviet TradeDelegation. Delegation consisting of 3 members headed by Vice Premier GRICHINE (Minister of Foreign Commerce) arrived in Lome June 5, to continue previous negotiations for commercial treaty.

COMMENT:

1. Estimated 60 people attended. Only senior GOT officials present were those connected with negotiations such as Ministers of Finance, Agriculture, and Education.

2. No toasts offered by Togolese or Russians. This not surprising for UN Economic Adviser to GOT Swiss National Max GRAESLLI had driven hard bargain which excluded most favored nation clause and other important concessions pressed by Soviets. Text being pouched when available.

3. Acting President FREITAS conspicuously cordial to Charge' and ~~xxx wife~~ and me possibly impress on other guests Togo's ability play role host amicable with both East and West.

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SUBJECT: Soviet Purchases of Togolese Coffee

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A Soviet State Trading agency, Prodintorg, has concluded a contract (enclosure number 2) with Walckhoff and Company for the purchase of 1000 metric tons of coffee at 95,842.5 CFA francs per metric ton. Approximately 100 tons have already been purchased by Walckhoff in the Palime area at a per ton price of 75,000 francs CFA, 10,000 francs above the Government established minimum price. These purchases were accompanied by a propaganda line that they were made possible because of Soviet willingness to pay higher prices.

COMMENT

In fact, the contract price offered by the Soviets is below the official FOB price, which is 100,998 francs CFA. This 5000 franc difference in price will leave Walckhoff with no profit after taxes, unless he can accomplish the transport, preparation, sacking, and storage of the coffee for less than is provided for these items in the official schedule of costs. It is unlikely that he can do so, because he will have to contract for most of these services. The official schedule (enclosure number 3), which shows all of the allowable expenses, taxes, and profits, allows only 3,820 francs CFA per ton for the buyer's and the exporter's commission.

The probability that Walckhoff will make little or no profit, or perhaps suffer a loss, on coffee sales to the Soviets raises doubts that he will fulfill the terms of the contract. It is reasonable to assume that he, being unfamiliar with coffee exporting procedures, was unaware of the various taxes and costs he would have to pay before the coffee could be exported. According to the credit opened in his favor at the Banque de l'Afrique Occidentale (enclosure no. 1), Walckhoff has until March 25 to make delivery.

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Soviet coffee purchases could have a considerable propaganda value now that Togo is faced with the problem of marketing that part of its production that cannot be sold within the Franc Zone or in member countries of the International Coffee Agreement. According to Walckhoff's former associate Antoine Codjia, it was Walckhoff's claim that he had 2000 tons of Ivory Coast coffee at his disposal for export to Togo and re-export to the Soviet Union that convinced the Soviets that he was the man to handle their imports into Togo. It appears that that coffee was never delivered, and, according to Codjia, Walckhoff never had it. Codjia states that he verified this for his own protection by contacting the Minister of Agriculture of the Ivory Coast, whom he describes as a personal friend.

Before attempting to buy coffee from producers, Walckhoff tried to get it from established exporters in Lome. The manager of the United Africa Company reports that he was approached but refused. He told Walkhoff that his company sells directly to the Soviet Union and had no need of an intermediary.

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CONTRAT No. 00

Ets. WALCKHOFF & Cie. Rue Colonel Marroix LOME denommee ci-apres "Le Vendeur" d'une part, et Vaesoyuznoe Obyedinenie pour l'exportation et l'importation des produits alimentaires "Prodintorg" Moscou, denomme ci-apres "L'Acheteur", d'autre part, ont convenu le present contrat pour ce qui suit:

1. Objet du contrat

En conformite avec l'accord commercial conclu entre l'URSS et la Republique Togolaise du 12 Juin a valoir sur les livraisons de 1961 le Vendeur a vendu et l'Acheteur a achete aux conditions FOB LOME avec arrimage 1.000 tonnes metriques nettes de feves de cafe.

Le Vendeur a le droit de livrer jusqu'a 1% de plus ou moins de la quantite susmentionnee. La quantite de la marchandise embarquee sera attestee par le certificat du poids delivre par une organisation competente neutre du pays du Vendeur.

2. Prix

Le prix pour le cafe, object du present contrat, est etabli en Nouveaux Francs Francais 1916,85(Mille neuf cent seize, 85) NF. par tonne metrique nette y compris le cout de la tare, emballage et marquage et s'entend FOB avec arrimage. La somme totale de la marchandise est 1.916.850 (Un million neuf cent seize mille huit cent cinquante) nouveaux francs francais.

Le Vendeur octroie a l'Acheteur une remise pour les pertes de la marchandise en route a raison de 0,5%.

3. Qualite

La qualite du cafe doit correspondre a sorte robuste Togo superieur de la recolte 1961.

Le cafe doit etre propre, sec, sain, d'une bonne qualite, homogene selon les dimensions et couleur des graines non endommage, ni infecte par des parasites agricoles, pas moise, sans remugle, ni corps etrangers, avec une bonne infusion et odeur.

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La qualite du cafe doit etre attestee par le certificat de qualite delivre par le Service du Conditionement du Togo.

Le Vendeur presente le certificat de quarantaine delivre par des organismes officiels de son pays attestant que la marchandise n'est pas infectee par des parasites ou maladies.

4. Emballage et marquage

Le cafe doit etre emballe dans des sacs de jute solides et standardises assurant l'integrite de la marchandise lors de transportation et transbordement pesant 80 kg net (81-82 kg brut) chacun.

Chaque sac porte le marquage fait en russe ou en francais avec une couleur indelibile indiquant le nom de la marchandise, poids brut et net.

5. Delais de livraison

Le Vendeur livrera a l'Acheteur le cafe, object du present contrat, dans les delais du 31/1/62 au 15/2/62.

La date du connaissement sera consideree comme celle de la livraison.

Le Vendeur s'engage a aviser l'Acheteur de la date prevue de l'embarquement 30 jours avant le debut du mois de l'embarquement.

6. Conditions de transport

L'Acheteur assure la presentation par le capitaine a l'agent du Vendeur salon l'adresse Ets. WALCKHOFF et Cie. LOME, 2 Rue Colonel Marroix, d'une notice de 5 jours avisant de l'arrivee du navire au port de chargement.

Le Vendeur assure l'embarquement de la marchandise sur le navire affrete par l'Acheteur selon la norme de 150 tonnes par ecoutille par une bonne journee ouvrable. Les surestaries seront comptees de 12 heures si la notice avisant que le navire est pret pour l'embarquement est donnee avant midi et si elle est donnee pendant les heure de travail apres midi, les surestaries seront comptees de 8 heures du matin du jour suivant.

En cas de non-execution des normes du chargement du navire le Vendeur payera a l'Acheteur un demurrage a raison de 1 shilling par GRT. L'Acheteur payera au Vendeur le dispatch a raison de 50% du taux de demurrage. Dans les 24 heures apres le chargement de la marchandise le Vendeur avisefa par telegraphe l'Acheteur de l'embarquement

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effectue en indiquant: date de l'embarquement, nombre de colis et poids brut et net. Le Vendeur envoie par le capitaine 7 copies de connaissement, 2 specifications, certificat de qualite et celui de quarantaine.

7. Remise-agreage de la marchandise

Le Vendeur assure l'Acheteur le droit d'effectuer l'inspection de la marchandise prete pour l'embarquement aux entrepots du Vendeur ainsi que dans les lieux de l'embarquement. La remise-agreage selon qualite sera effectuee au port de destination sur la base des actes de l'expertise etablie par un organisme neutre-Bureau des expertises commerciales de la Chambre de Commerce de l'URSS. Ces actes seront obligatoires pour les parties et serviront d'un fondement pour les decomptes correspondants selon les payements effectues par l'Acheteur.

Les fraise de l'expertise effectuee par le Bureau des expertises commerciales au port de destination sont a la charge de l'Acheteur. Le Vendeur ou son representant a le droit de participer a l'expertise effectuee au port de destination.

Au cas ou la qualite de la marchandise ne sera pas en conformite avec les conditions indiquees dans la clause 3 du present contrat, l'Acheteur aura le droit de receptionner la marchandise avec une deduction stipulee a l'acte susmentionne ou bien refuser cette marchandise. Le Vendeur payera a l'Acheteur tous les dommages-interets.

8. Conditions de payement

Le payement pour la marchandise object du present contrat, sera effectue par L'Acheteur en nouveaux francs francais contre presentation par le Vendeur a la Banque du Commerce Exterieur de l'URSS pour l'encaissement des documents suivants:

1. Jeu complet de connaissements originaux "clean on Board" etablis au nom de l'Acheteur a destination des ports de l'URSS.
2. Facture du Vendeur en 5 exemplaires.
3. Specification du Vendeur en 3 exemplaires.
4. Certificat de poids delivre par le Service de Contitionnement du Togo confirmant le poids net et brut de la marchandise embarquee.
5. Certificat de qualite delivre par le Service du Conditionnement de Togo en 5 exemplaires.
6. Certificat de quarantaine delivre par un organisme neutre du pays du Vendeur en 3 exemplaires.

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9. Arbitrage

Tous les litiges et differents pouvant resulter du present contrat ou en liaison avec lui sont de la competence de la Commission Arbitrale pour le Commerce de l'URSS, Moscou, conformement aux regles de cette commission dont les decisions sont obligatoires pour les deux parties.

Le recours au tribunal ordinaire est exclus.

10. Force-majeure

A l'arrivee des circonstances de l'impossibilite de l'execution complete ou partielle des engagements contractuels par une des parties et notamment: incedie, calamites de nature, guerre, operations de guerre de n'importe quelle nature, blocus, prohibitions, ou d'autres circonstances ne dependant pas des parties, le delai de l'execution des engagement prolonge pour une periode equivalente a celle pendant laquelle ces circonstances agiront.

Au cas ou circonstances dureront plus de 15 jours chacune des parties aura le droit de refuser l'execution ulterieure des engagements selon le contrat et dans ce cas aucune des parties n'aura le droit de reclamer des pertes eventuelles a une autre partie.

La partie pour laquelle se presentera l'impossibilite de l'execution des engagements selon le present contrat doit aviser l'autre partie de l'arrivee et de la cessation de ces circonstances.

Les certificats delivres pas la Chambre de Commerce de l'URSS du pays du Vendeur et l'Acheteur respectivement seront une preuve due de la presence des circonstances susindiquees et de leur duree.

11. Autres conditions

Apres la signaure du present contrat tous les pourparlers anterieurs et correspondance relative a ce contrat sont nuls et non avenus.

Tous les modifications et additifs au present contrat ne sont valables que s'ils sont faits par ecrit et signes par les personnes y specialement autorisees par les parties contractantes.

Toutes les informations, declarations et reclamations liees a l'execution du present contrat ou de ses suites doivent etre envoyees par des parties directement l'une a l'autre selon les adresses ci-dessous.

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Aucune des parties ne peut passer ses droits et engagements lies au contrat ou a ses suites aux tiers sans un accord ecrit de l'autre partie.

Tous les frais et droits y compris les droits de douane, ainsi que les droits et taxes lies a la conclusion et execution du present contrat percus sur le territoire du pays du Vendeur sont a la charge du Vendeur et hors de ce territoire ils sont a la charge de l'Acheteur.

Le Vendeur s'engage a assurer a son propre compte toutes les licences et permis d'importation necessaires pour l'importation des marchandises vendues de l'URSS au pays de destination.

Le present contrat est signe en 2 exemplaires en francais les exemplaires ayant la meme valeur.

12. Adresses juridiques des parties

LE VENDEUR: Ets. WALCKHOFF et Cie.
Rue Colonel Marroix
LOME

L'ACHETEUR: Vaesoyuznoe Obyedinenie pour l'exportation et l'important des produits alimentaires "Prodintorg" Moscou, Smolenskaya-Sennaya 32/34

Adresse telegraphique : Prodintorg Moscou.

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PRICE PAID TO PRODUCER		65,000 Frs CFA/metric ton
Buyers Commission	1,800	
Transport	2,000	
Warehouse rent	400	
Handling	200	
Railroad	1,070	
	5,470	
VALUE WEIGHED IN AT LOME		70,470 Frs CFA/metric ton
Processing + 3 percent waste	1,500	
Sacking	1,350	
Amortization of sacking plant	135	
Entry and departure - warehouse	200	
Warehouse rent	300	
Financing - 6% - 4 months VLM	1,549	
General Expenses	1,936	
	6,970	
VALUE LEAVING THE VENDOR - LOME (VLM)		77,440 Frs CFA/metric ton
Exporters commission 1 percent FOB	2,020	
Transit	780	
Tax to support wharf, lighthouse and statistical service	803	
Phytosanitary tax and tolls	225	
Export tax	12,600	
Tax to Dept. of Agriculture	1,575	
Transaction tax	5,555	
	23,558	
VALUE F.O.B. LOME		100,998 Frs CFA/metric ton

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Thus, although Togo expressly refused to permit inclusion of a MFN clause in its trade agreement with the Soviet Union which was signed last year, imports from the Soviet Union enjoy de facto MFN treatment.

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